

**RESOLUTION
of the
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Lilligren, Reich, Gordon, Hofstede, Johnson, Samuels, Goodman,
Glidden, Schiff, Tuthill, Quincy, Colvin Roy, and Hodges**

**Declaring June 2013 “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride
Month” in the City of Minneapolis.**

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, a position subsequently adopted by numerous Minnesota cities and the State itself; and

Whereas, Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to adopt an ordinance creating a domestic-partner registry, a step that several other Minnesota cities have now taken, with over one million Minnesotans now living in such cities; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has been steadfast in its commitment to full legal equality for same-sex couples, and in particular to an end to the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage, as well as public and vocal proponent of the marriage equality statute passed this session by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed by the Governor; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has a thriving LGBT community, sustaining and sustained by so many welcoming organizations, places of worship, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, events, and more; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has benefited from the service and talents of numerous LGBT elected officials, on the City Council, the Parks Board, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and in both the Minnesota House and Senate, as well as of countless appointed officials and employees; and

Whereas, Minneapolis annually plays host to the Twin Cities LGBT Pride celebration, the City’s largest outdoor festival, in which Loring Park is turned into a forum for celebrating LGBT pride and those, including allies, who work for it;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That June 2013 is hereby declared “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month” in the City of Minneapolis, and that residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the numerous activities celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month in the City and in the ongoing work of leading Minnesota toward full LGBT equality.